PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) Attorney Docket No.: 99,599 ADDRESS TO: Application No.: 09/515,796 Mail Stop Fee Amendment Filing-Date: 02/29/00 **Commissioner for Patents** P.O. Box 1450 First Named Inventor: Guido M: Schuster Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Group Art Unit: 2157 Examiner: Shaojun Wen This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application to and including April 30, 2003. The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired): One Month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$ 110.00 Two Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$ 410.00 Three Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$ 930.00 Four Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$1,450.00 Five Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$1,970.00 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 13-2490. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED Lisa M. Schoedel Name

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